Percentage of Tribal Population

3935. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of tribal population in the country; and

(b) the various schemes under his Ministry to uplift the living standards of tribal population?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) As per the Population Census, 2001, the tribal population constitutes 8.2% of the total population of the country.

(b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing various Schemes under the Central Sector, Centrally Sponsored and Special Areas Programme for the welfare of tribal population of the country. These are in addition to the schemes implemented by various Sectoral Ministries for all people, including Scheduled Tribes. Some of the major schemes being implemented by this Ministry are at Statement.

Statement

Major schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

I. CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEMES

1. Grants-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes (STs) including Coaching & Allied Scheme.
2. Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas for training tribal youth.
3. Educational Complexes in low literacy pockets.
4. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG).
5. Investment/Price support to Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED)
6. Grant-in-Aid to Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations (TDCCs) for Minor Forest Produce (MEP) operations.
7. Support to National/State ST Finance & Development Corporations.

8. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships for ST students.

II. CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

1. Post Matric Scholarships, Book Bank & Upgradation of Merit of ST Students.
2. Construction of Girls & Boys Hostels for STs.
3. Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas.

III. SPECIAL AREAS PROGRAMMES

1. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan.
2. Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India.

Ethnic clashes in Karbi-Anglong district of Assam

3936. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karbi-Anglong district of Assam comprise of members of Scheduled Tribes belonging to various ethnic identities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of persons killed, number of persons who suffered major physical injuries, houses burnt and volume of farm assets destroyed in the ethnic clashes in Karbi-Anglong since the 26th September, 2005;

(d) the details of relief and rehabilitation measures launched, if any, for the violence affected families; and

(e) the details of steps being taken, if any, for promotion of peace and harmony among different ethnic groups with a view to avoid recurrence of violent clases among them in future?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Fifteen Communities have been notified under Article 342(1) of the Constitution as Scheduled Tribes in the autonomous district of Karbi-Anglong (Assam). A Statement showing the names of the Scheduled Tribes in district Karbi-Anglong is in Statement (*See* below).